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Mayor Norm Coleman and Councilmember Chris Coleman broke bottles of Grain Belt Premium against a bulldozer at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new West Seventh area housing project. The project, adjacent to the Minnesota Brewery Company, is the result of a city and community partnership.

Brewery Breakthrough Project

City/Community Partnership Breaks Ground on West Seventh-Area Project

A blighted area will turn into the home of the Saint Paul's newest housing project, thanks to the efforts of a city and community partnership that includes the Department of Planning and Economic Development.

The Brewery Breakthrough Project will create 22 new townhome residences on a six block area adjacent to the Minnesota Brewery Company. City officials worked with the West Seventh Street/Fort Road Federation to develop a plan to rehabilitate the site along Palace Avenue near Erie and Duke Streets. The development plans also take into account the goals and objectives of the City's larger Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework.

In addition to the townhome construction, the development plans include:

- The rehabilitation and sale of 15 existing housing units.
- Construction of two single family homes and one rehabilitated single family home by Habitat for Humanity.
- Construction of 22 townhome units by the Brighton Development Corporation.
- Construction of a bluff park overlooking the Mississippi River and pedestrain/bicycle path connections to the River corridor.
- Gateway improvements to the Brewery neighborhood at Jefferson and West Seventh Street.

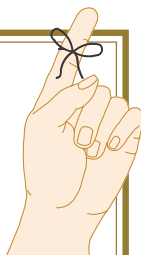
Organizers hope to have the majority of the projects done by the end of 2000. Three homes at 393, 399 and 403 Duke are already undergoing rehabilitation. They are expected to ready for sale by March 2000.

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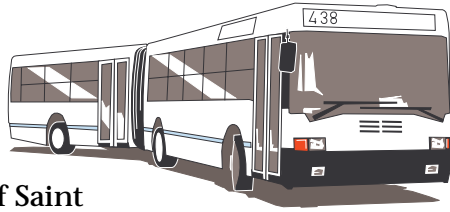
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Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years

Metropass Available to Downtown City Employees



Metropass is a new City of Saint Paul employee benefit that begins on November 1. All regular full-time and part-time City employees who work in the 55101 or 55102 zip code areas are eligible to participate!

Metropass is subsidized by the City and offers employees a low cost means of unlimited bus transit. Employees will pay only \$20 per month for a pass that is useable 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year!

Compare Metropass with a regular 31-day Metro Transit pass that costs \$76, or with parking rates in the downtown area that range from \$60-\$190 per month!

To learn more about Metropass and enroll for November 1, attend one of the upcoming open enrollment sessions in City Hall:

Monday, October 25, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Room 40 A&B
or

Friday, October 29, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Rooms 41 & 42

If you choose to participate, you'll complete an enrollment form, have your picture taken, and receive a Metropass temporary card that will take effect on November 1.

Once you enroll, you will pay the monthly fee of \$20, post-tax, through payroll deduction. Then, beginning next April, the deduction will change from a post-tax to pre-tax basis and increase to \$25 per month. You must commit for a minimum of six months.

If you miss your opportunity to sign up for Metropass at the open enrollment sessions, contact your department payroll person, or call Tony Sassor at 266-8828.

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Ochs Inc. representatives will be available to assist you at City Hall on Monday, October 25, in Rooms 40 A & B, or on Friday, October 29, in Rooms 41 and 42 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Be sure to read your enrollment material and bring your booklet with you.

Remember..



If you wish to enroll or continue to participate in the health care or dependent day care expense reimbursement account for 2000, you must complete a flexible spending account enrollment form.



The Townhomes at River Heights, part of the Brewery Breakthrough Project, are a significant step toward rehabilitating an urban neighborhood. Mayor Norm Coleman calls the project "a victory for the community and an example of the power of people being involved in what happens in their neighborhood." The townhomes are expected to be completed by the end of 2000. Prices begin at \$129,900.



Free Flu Shots

If you haven't already received your flu shot, HealthPartners will be offering them free to all City employees at the enrollment sessions on October 25 and 29

in the City Hall basement. Please wear a top with short sleeves in order to help facilitate the process.





Help One Student To Succeed *Reading Mentors Needed at Saint Paul Open*

Saint Paul's Open School is seeking city employees and community members to volunteer in their new Help One Student Succeed (HOSTS) Reading Program. Reading mentors are needed to spend one hour a week, during the school day, working with elementary students.

HOSTS is a nationally recognized volunteer mentoring program that pairs a student who needs help in reading and writing with someone who wants to make a difference in a young child's life. The mentor follows an easy-to-read lesson plan created by the HOSTS teacher.

If you enjoy working with children ages 7 to 12 and would like to help a child improve their reading and writing skills, you are qualified to mentor. Both morning and afternoon times are available (anywhere between 8:25 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m.) A short orientation is planned for the first week of November, and the program will run November through the first week of May.



We are delighted to offer this exciting new program to our students. We just need your support to make it a success. If you have any questions or would like to participate in this great opportunity to work one-on-one with young children, please contact Andrea Willard at Saint Paul Open School - 651-293-8670.

555 Cedar Street To Be Named Public Health Center, Don Juenemann Building

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution renaming the building at 555 Cedar Street to Public Health Center, Don Juenemann Building.

Don Juenemann was a Housing Code Enforcement Officer who was violently killed on December 24, 1997 while doing an exterior inspection of a property. Don was a city employee for 33 years and was housed at 555 Cedar Street at the time of his murder.

A formal ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 24, at 555 Cedar Street. All employees are invited to share in this event.

In addition, the Initiative for Violence Free Families and Communities will participate in the event to emphasize the need to prevent and end such senseless acts of violence in our community.

For more information, contact Theresa Rongstad at 292-7706.

Employee Spotlight

MEGAN RYAN

Megan Ryan has been named the Director of Marketing and Promotions for the City of Saint Paul.



Megan is no stranger to City Hall. She has spent the past 5 1/2 years working as an Assistant to the Mayor for Mayor Norm Coleman. In that position, she served as a neighborhood liaison and was responsible for initiating several programs targeted at Saint Paul's youth. These include:

What's Up: a free youth info line that connects East Metro area youth ages 7 to 21 years old with more than 1,000 safe, fun, and structured activities and event; and

Youth Expo: a service that connects youth to local job and volunteer opportunities.

In addition, she helped bring AmeriCorps, a national volunteer and service program that helps meet the needs of today's youth, to Saint Paul.

As Director of Marketing and Promotions, Megan plans to strengthen the relationship with neighborhood associations. In addition, she plans to work with the Capital City Partnership and other organizations to enhance efforts to promote the City of Saint Paul to businesses and visitors.



On The Calendar...

Shadows and Spirits of the State Capitol

Historic "spirits" come to life to tell the tales of the Capitol in the eerily lit, shadowy building.

Date: Oct. 22-23 and 27-29

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Children \$3.

Contact: 651-296-2881

World Under Glass at the Como Park Conservatory

Concerts for the family performed live in the Sunken Garden at the Como Park Conservatory.

Date: Oct. 23 and 30

Time: 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: Free with paid admission to Como Park Conservatory

Contact: 651-487-8201

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150 Trivia

October 22 Trivia Question

Q: What former Saint Paul Mayor was the owner of the Supercar? What was the make and color of the Supercar?

October 8 Trivia Question & Answer

Q: Who was the only women ever legally executed in the State of Minnesota?

A: *Ann Bilansky, accused of poisoning her husband with arsenic in order to run away with his nephew, was hanged at Fourth and Cedar Streets in 1860.*

If you have story idea for City Update or know an employee that deserves special recognition, please contact Jodi Ellwood at 266-8528 or jodi.ellwood@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Job Openings as of October 22, 1999

Application Deadline	Job Title	Bi-Weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
Open	Communications Technician	\$1359.09	Quals
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1111.53	Quals
Open	Conservatory Attendant	\$8.82 per hr	Quals
10/25/99	Delivery Assistant	\$998.24	10/27/99
Open	Engineering Aide II	\$1084.28	TBN
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$8.43 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$7.75 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1139.99	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1470.98	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst IV	\$1674.26	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1089.46	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1326.60	Quals
11/01/99	Lead Electrician	\$27.97 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Library Clerk (part-time)	\$9.23 per hr	Quals
Open	Telecommunicator	\$1242.48	Quals
11/4/99	Print Production Lead Worker	\$1289.66	See Job Ann
Open	Ticket Sellers - River Centre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN

****This is a walk-in examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.** Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources at 400 City Hall Annex to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501). For jobs announced after October 14, please call the 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.